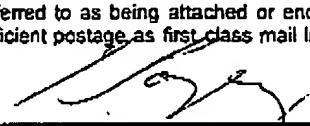


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CYCLOSPORINE WITH A POLYETHOXYLATED SATURATED
HYDROXY-FATTY ACID**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT****Sir:**

This is in response to an Office Action dated July 18, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

 Cancel claims 1-19 and add claims 21-33:



21. (new) A hard gelatin capsule comprising

- (a) a cyclosporin as active ingredient,
- (b) a polyethoxylated saturated hydroxy-fatty acid, and
- (c) a C₂-C₃ alcohol having one or two hydroxy groups.

22. (new) A hard gelatin capsule of claim 21 wherein the polyethoxylated saturated hydroxy-fatty acid is the sole surfactant.

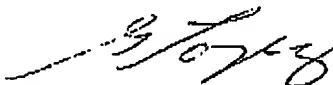
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